IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

BUDDHA BODAI RESTAURANT, IN	KOSHER VEGETARIAN NC.	X
v.	Opposer,	Opposition No. 91224857 8648075/
BUDDHA BODAI INC.	ONE VEGETARIAN RESTA	URANT,
	Applicant.	X

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APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO AMENDED NOTICE OF OPPOSITION, AFFIRMATIVE <u>DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIM</u>

Pursuant to Trademark Rule 2.106, Buddha Bodai One Vegetarian Restaurant, Inc. ("Applicant"), by its attorneys, Natter & Natter, saving and reserving unto itself, all benefit, advantage, or exception which can or may be had or taken into errors, insufficiencies, uncertainties and imperfections in the notice of opposition, answers as follows:

- 1. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of and therefore denies the averments in the notice of opposition contained in paragraph "1".
- 2. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of and therefore denies the averments in the notice of opposition contained in paragraph "2".

- 3. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of and therefore denies the averments in the notice of opposition contained in paragraph "3".
- 4. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of and therefore denies the averments in the notice of opposition contained in paragraph "4".
- 5. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of and therefore denies the averments in the notice of opposition contained in paragraph "5".
- 6. Applicant makes no answer to the averments set forth in paragraph "6" of the notice of opposition to the extent those averments state legal conclusions rather than facts and otherwise denies the averments of paragraph "6" of the notice of opposition.
- 7. Applicant admits the averments consistent with the records in the USPTO but denies the averments as to Applicant's services in paragraph "7" of the notice of opposition.
- 8. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of and therefore denies the averments in the notice of opposition contained in paragraph "8".
- 9. Applicant denies the averments contained in paragraph "9" of the notice of opposition.
- 10. Applicant denies the averments contained in paragraph "10" of the notice of opposition.
- 11. Applicant makes no answer to the averments set forth in paragraph "11" of the notice of opposition to the extent those averments state legal conclusions rather than facts and otherwise denies the averments of paragraph "11" of the notice of opposition.

- 12. Applicant makes no answer to the averments set forth in paragraph "12" of the notice of opposition to the extent those averments state legal conclusions rather than facts and otherwise denies the averments of paragraph "12" of the notice of opposition.
- 13. Applicant denies the averments contained in paragraph "13" of the notice of opposition.
- 14. Applicant denies the averments contained in paragraph "14" of the notice of opposition.
- 15. Applicant denies the averments contained in paragraph "15" of the notice of opposition.

AS AND FOR A FIRST COUNTERCLAIM

- 16. Applicant was incorporated in the State of New York on April 10, 2014.
- 17. Applicant filed the opposed application based on use of the mark in commerce at least as early as May, 2014.
 - 18. Opposer was incorporated in the State of New York on December 3, 2014.
 - 19. Opposer could not have used its mark prior to December 3, 2014.
- 20. Applicant has priority of use and is therefore entitled to registration as the senior user.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

21. Applicant states that each of the purported claims set forth in the notice of

opposition is barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of unclean hands.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

22. Applicant states that each of the purported claims set forth in the notice of

opposition is barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of laches.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

23. Applicant states that each of the purported claims set forth in the notice of

opposition is barred in whole or in part by the doctrines of waiver and acquiescence.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

24. Applicant states that each of the purported claims set forth in the notice of

opposition is barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of equitable estoppel.

Having made full answer to the notice of opposition or such parts or portions thereof as

believed material to make answer Applicant respectfully requests that this opposition proceeding be

dismissed, with prejudice, and that registration issue forthwith.

Dated: New York, New York

December 23, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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This will certify that on the 23rd day of December, 2015 a true and correct copy of the APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO AMENDED NOTICE OF OPPOSITION, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIM was mailed, first class, postage prepaid to attorneys for Opposer as follows:

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